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LIST OF OFFICERS.

J. E. Peterson, President.....	Goldsboro, N. C.
J. A. McAllister, Vice-President.....	Lumberton, N. C.
George F. Parrott, Secretary-Treasurer.....	Hillsboro, N. C.
H. M. Cates, Lecturer.....	Swepsonville, N. C.
G. W. P. Cates, Chaplain.....	R. F. D. 2, Mebane, N. C.
J. C. Bain, Steward.....	Wade, N. C.
George T. Lane, Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Aurora, N. C.
George F. Parrott, State Business Agent.....	Hillsboro, N. C.
W. A. Graham, Trustee B. A. Fund.....	Machpelah, N. C.

Executive Committee.

J. W. Denmark, Chairman.....	Raleigh, N. C.
John Graham.....	Warrenton, N. C.
R. H. Speight.....	Whitaker, N. C.
T. J. Oldham.....	R. F. D. 2, Mebane, N. C.
W. B. Fleming.....	Ridgeway, N. C.

Judiciary Committee.

H. D. Egerton	Ingleside, N. C.
J. M. Mitchell	Goldsboro, N. C.
C. C. McClelland	Godwin, N. C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR STATE ALLIANCE.

1. Calling roll by counties—each delegate answering to his name, who will thereupon present his credentials to the Secretary.
2. Reading of the Daily Minutes.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Report of Officers.
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6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Installation of Officers.

PROCEEDINGS.

Alliance Headquarters,
Hillsboro, N. C., August 13, 1907.

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Farmers' State Alliance was called to order by President George F. Parrott at 12 o'clock. After regular opening exercises the roll of counties was called and the following were found to be represented, as follows:

Alamance—W. J. Riddle, Saxapahaw, N. C.
Beaufort—R. H. Lane, Aurora, N. C.
Chatham—W. H. Tyler, Goldston, N. C.
Cumberland—S. J. McLaurin, Fayetteville, N. C.
Davidson—A. M. Hunter, Lexington, N. C.
Edgecombe—J. A. Davis, Davistown, N. C.
Franklin—H. A. Hines—Springhope, N. C., R. F. D. 2.
Guilford—V. B. Donnell, Greensboro, N. C., R. F. D. 6.
Hertford—J. H. Evans, Harrellsville, N. C.
Johnston—J. F. Stancell, Kenly, N. C., R. F. D. 2.
Lincoln—W. A. Graham, Jr., Machpelah, N. C.
Lenoir—N. B. Whitfield, Kinston, N. C.
Martin—W. S. Vick, Robersonville N. C.
Nash—J. H. Todd, Springhope, N. C.
Orange—L. M. Cates, Efland, N. C., R. F. D. 2
Robeson—J. A. McAllister, Lumberton, N. C.
Sampson—A. D. Lockerman, Salemburg, N. C.
Wake—J. W. Denmark, Raleigh, N. C.
Warren—H. B. Harris, Macon, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
Wayne—J. E. Peterson, Goldsboro, N. C., and R. R. Edgerton,
Kenly, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Wilson—H. E. Thompson, Stantonsburg, N. C.

President George F. Parrott read his address, as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance:—

One year ago you saw fit to choose me as your President. I accepted with a heart overflowing with gratitude for the high honor so unexpectedly received, and so unworthily bestowed, yet with a keen sense of the great responsibility involved.

I have given to your interest that part of my time which I felt I could spare from my private affairs. Whether I have served you wisely or unwisely is a matter for you to decide; whether honestly or dishonestly, patriotically or unselfishly, you will leave to me and my God.

It has long been the custom for the President of the Farmers' Alliance, as it is for the presiding officer of all similar organiza-

tions, to deliver in person, or by messenger, an address which should be directed to past achievements and to future plans and purposes. It is my purpose now to call your attention to things which have either been accomplished, instituted or supported by the great and useful organization to which you belong.

Jute Bagging.

Perhaps the most decisive as well as the most notable victory we have gained was that won over the Jute Bagging Trust. It was a costly fight to both sides, but it was worth the price more than a hundred times. It would be wise in view of the continued advance in price of bagging for us at this meeting to prepare for protection against the greed of that monopoly.

Six Per Cent Law.

The Farmers' Alliance stood for a 6 per cent law in North Carolina. Then it was that a mighty howl went up from banks and private money-lenders. Such a law, they said, would drive money from our State, and then money shortage would rapidly develop into a real money famine.

The 6 per cent bill was placed on our statute books, with the result, as you all know, that capital has not left us but continues to come within our gates.

Railroads and Their Regulation.

The Farmers' Alliance stood for a Railroad Commission. Nor did we cease in our efforts until that, too, was accomplished, which has proven a great blessing to all our people, though at times since the inauguration of the Commission we have regarded it with suspicion, and have anticipated its acts with fear and trembling lest they be taken in by those from whom we feared oppression.

You will pardon me just here for calling your attention to a little fight you, though unknowingly, had with the railroads about the first of last April. For particulars of this I refer you to *The Progressive Farmer* of May 16, 1907.

More than fifteen years ago the Farmers' Alliance, both State and National, favored Government ownership of railroads. Well do I remember the heated discussions in and out of the Alliance on that subject.

I, as an Allianceman, bowing to the will of the great majority of my brethren, stood for the affirmative. At the same time, personally, I had misgivings and distrust, which feelings still have an abiding place in my mind.

The Farmers' Alliance was then cruelly abused and severely ridiculed by men who are now advocating the same, if not more radical, doctrine. Surely something will be done sooner or later to curb the railroads in their mad rush for power and wealth with scant regard for the peace and prosperity of the people.

An unreasonable lot of time was spent by the late Legislature in arising to points of personal privilege, explaining votes, select-

ing special committees for investigations and discussing the rate for passenger fare of railroads.

No little interest is being manifested by lawyers, railroad men and traveling men as to the outcome of the very dangerous game of tag which is now being played all the way from Asheville to Raleigh, the end of which none can foretell. Pity it is that the railroads had not bowed to the will of a very large majority of our people and to the laws of the land on which they feed; made by the same legislative power from which they secured their charters and rights of public domain. Had they done so and could then show to any coming Legislature that their property was being confiscated all North Carolina would demand a repeal of the law which the railroads now seek to destroy by Federal interference and without employing the jury system which is so dear to the hearts of those seeking real justice.

By following this or a similar course they would have set an example not calculated to encourage men to ride over the laws of our land. Those who would criticize them would then have been robbed of their sharpest sting. Kindlier feelings would have been engendered and no irreparable wrong done, for surely if the short roads with little reserve fund can survive under a $2\frac{1}{4}$ -cent rate, it seems to me that the great Southern, with its fed and watered stock and the Atlantic Coast Line, could keep their great bodies and little souls together just a little while.

Freight Rates and Prompt Shipments.

The average farmer, however, knows little and cares less about passenger fares, as he is seldom, if ever, seen on a railroad car.

As to freight rates, he is directly interested and largely so, as will be noted when you consider the amount of fertilizers and cotton and tobacco on which he pays the freight.

However, the worse proposition with which we have to contend is the outrageous delay in delivering goods and in many instances the deplorable condition in which they are received.

Concert of action, my brethren, would speedily remove this obstacle from our path.

It would not be unwise for us to select at this meeting a standing committee whose duty it shall be to devise plans and specifications for the regulation of freight rates and for prompt and proper delivery of shipments.

Education and Prohibition.

The Farmers' Alliance has stood and always will stand for education; nor could it do otherwise so long as we are mindful of the very fundamental principles of our order.

As Alliancemen, and therefore farmers, we should insist on education, useful, and I may say, absolutely necessary to the advancement of agricultural pursuits, if we would hold our own in the tide of progress, which now seems to be spreading all over this land of ours.

I believe it was ex-Governor Aycock who gave to the Alliance the credit of starting the great and glorious educational wave which has not only changed our percentage of illiterates in North Carolina, but has removed from us the unwelcome name of "Rip Van Winkle."

It is with pleasure that I call your attention to the very greatest moral question that has probably ever been considered by the men and women of North Carolina—that of prohibition.

I hope that you will at this meeting put the State Alliance squarely on record as favoring the regulation of, if not emancipation from, the liquor traffic.

Let us declare to the world in no uncertain sounds that we stand for schools and against liquor.

Trusts and Combines.

The older members of the Alliance will remember that we have from the very birth of our organization asked of and pleaded with our law-makers, both State and National, to enact some law that would regulate, if not annihilate, all trusts whose object it is to destroy competition in the buying and selling of the products of the soil.

Sorry am I to say that up to now, our Twenty-first Annual Meeting day, those pleadings have been in vain. However, let us continue our efforts still hoping some day a sufficient statute will manage to get on our law books that will find its way into the hands of an executive judicial officer with brains and backbone enough to destroy every combination of capital whose object and purpose and effect is to destroy competition in the buying and selling of our soil products.

Public Highways.

It would be well for us to consider the good roads question, as it is of more importance to us than any other class.

I will quote from the very able address of one of our most useful, unselfish, and broad-minded members, Bro. John Graham, which he, then your State President, made in August, 1897. It was good doctrine then, and it is good doctrine now:

"Your convicts should be employed on your county roads. While it is absolutely necessary for convicts to be employed upon farms in order to raise food for their support, the raising of cotton is as much in competition with honest labor as the manufacture of shoes."

It would be wise, brethren, for us to give our hearty support to any practical proposition tending to the betterment of our public highways.

Immigration.

A good lot of time was spent by the late Legislature in discussing the immigration movement. Just what the direct effect will be to you and me cannot be predicted, but should be noted with care. Your late President, W. A. Graham, in his most practical and well-worded address to you one year ago, says:

"The kind of immigration needed is as varied as are the pursuits of our citizens."

That expression, my brethren, fully covers the ground. To my mind, if foreign immigrants we must have, then let them be placed in the factories and mills located in the cities and towns, thereby drive out our own people who have left their homes and farms to grow up in reeds and thistles, or what is worse to the tender mercies of the educated negro, in a great many instances the father lying around saloons or blind-tigers, while his little ones support the family.

Brethren, if the Southern Railroad wants immigrants from Italy, yes, and from Southern Italy, let them have them, but require them to keep them in the cities and towns under police authority.

But in the name of justice the money collected solely from the farmers and professedly for the farmers should not be used to pay the bills nor any part thereof.

However, I am not to be understood as opposing immigration, for I know too well the lack of farm labor to take the place of the negro, whose usefulness is near its end, and which is being precipitated at a fearful rate by book learning or so-called education. Our much-beloved and lamented ex-Governor Vance is accredited with saying that it would be much better that the negro should be taught "Gee-Ha-Buck," instead of "Hic, Haec, Hoc."

Davidson County Matter.

The Davidson County matter which was before you last year is still in bad shape, and I shall call the attention of your Judiciary Committee to it, and will give them what information I have. Though it be a comparatively small matter, it deserves and should have due and careful consideration. Let us not be neglectful of our duties when our rights, or the rights of our members, are endangered.

The Agricultural Department.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture is very helpful to you and would be more so if you would only accept it as your friend. Post yourselves and keep posted as to its plans and purposes and propositions.

Brother McAllister, your worthy Vice-President, proposed last winter that the Alliance in each county take hold of the Farmers' Institutes and see to it that they are well-attended, and that subjects of direct interest to the farmers of each county be discussed. Now we can do no better than to accept this suggestion. Show your appreciation by attending these Institutes. Take an active part in their management and in the selection of subjects to be discussed. Try them well and without prejudice. Then should they be found valueless, we will inaugurate such a campaign for their discontinuance that no legislator can fail to heed.

I venture the assertion, however, that no matter how good a farmer you are, you will be a better one after you have talked

with Bro. T. B. Parker or Dr. Tait Butler, both of whom have added so much to the value of these Institutes.

Taxes.

Ways and means to secure a sufficient revenue to run a government is now, and has ever been, a mooted question, and one thoroughly impregnated with opportunities to commit fraud and to practice graft. Numerous wars, both foreign and civil, have been precipitated by the tax question. If it were not for taxes, we, the farmers of North Carolina, would be the very wealthiest, the most prosperous, and the very happiest people in the whole universe.

My brethren, did it ever occur to you how many kinds of taxes you pay and how often?

Let's see: (1) We pay daily an exorbitant extravagance tax, which is plainly shown by our ways of living and dressing.

(2) Then we have an idler's tax to which we contribute largely and freely almost every day in the year.

(3) Then we have an almost ruinous fool tax which could not and would not be afforded by any other class than the farmers, which is too plainly shown by us when we allow others to dictate the price of our farm products.

All the above taxes should and could be largely reduced by the action of the Farmers' Alliance, the only strictly farmers' organization in North Carolina.

(4) Then we have an annual tax, which is due and payable to the tax collector in September of each year, the payment of which no man should endeavor to avoid or be allowed to escape.

Taxation Should Be Equalized.

However, it is a howling shame that it is not more evenly and justly distributed.

It is an "ad valorem" tax in name only.

I submit that numerous and glaring cases of unfairness and inequality can be found in every county in North Carolina. The mere matter of valuation need give us little concern. It is equalization of which we have just cause to complain.

Many men of wealth and influence, both in State and in Church, escape payment of their just and proportionate tax by making under oath false statements as to the ownership and value of property.

This should and could be remedied; if in no other way, by applying the statute usually applied to the common perjurer.

We trust, however, that our Corporation Commission on whose shoulders the late Legislature placed the duty of equalizing taxes, will give such relief that each and every man shall pay taxes in accord with his property's value.

Business Affairs of the Order.

Your fund which is held for support and backing of your State Business Agent is in good, efficient, clean hands and should give you no concern as to its safety.

Your property at Headquarters demands attention, and while your Executive Committee is eminently qualified to direct its management, yet any suggestion on your part will, I am sure, be well received and carefully considered.

Continued efforts should be made to dispose of the fixtures such as beltings, castings and shaftings in the shoe factory, as it is not probable that the State Alliance will ever need them again for the manufacture of shoes.

The Alliance and Its Membership.

I am gratified to be able to say to you that certainly during my administration no newspaper in North Carolina has, to my knowledge and belief, shown any feeling for our Order other than the very kindest. On the contrary, we have every reason to regard them as our friends who are ever ready to serve our interest.

We are not embarrassed financially; in fact, we have at our command more money and on our roll books the names of more men and women than any other organization in all North Carolina save the Church of God. Brother Cates, your ever faithful State Lecturer, said to your Executive Committee in my presence, last spring in Raleigh, that it was not money, but men and women, the Alliance needed most.

The Farmers' Alliance, like all other organizations, both great and small, has enjoyed prosperity and endured adversity. On this, our Twenty-First Annual Meeting day, I am proud to assure you that our Order is in a healthy condition, and while our membership is not near so large as it should be, supported, as it is, by the great enduring principles on which we stand, yet we can boast that we have with us some of the best men and women in the whole world, men and women who are the very salt of the earth.

On motion, the President's Address was referred to the Committee on Publication.

At this point Bro. N. B. Whitfield presented to the State Alliance a gavel for its use. This gavel was made from a tree grown on the lands of President Parrott. The gavel was presented in a neat and tasteful speech by Brother Whitfield, and the same was accepted in behalf of the State Alliance by Vice-President McAllister in a very touching manner, requesting Brother Whitfield to carry back to the brethren of Lenoir County the thanks of this State Alliance for the beautiful gavel presented to-day.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Denmark, the Secretary was requested to procure a suitable receptacle to keep the gavel, books, regalia, etc., of the officers, and to purchase a full set of regalia for the officers of the State Alliance. The motion was adopted.

On motion, the hours of meeting were fixed as follows: Meet

at 8:30 a. m., adjourn at 12:30, reconvene at 3:00 p. m., adjourn for supper at will, re-assemble at 8:00 p. m.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the Alliance was called to order by President Parrott.

The following committees were announced:

On Publication.—Col. N. B. Whitfield, Dr. R. H. Speight, A. D. Lockerman.

Constitution and By-Laws.—J. A. Davis, J. W. Denmark, V. B. Donnell, H. A. Hines, H. B. Harris.

Resolutions and Demands.—Dr. R. H. Speight, J. M. Mitchell, J. F. Stansell, W. S. Vick, J. H. Evans.

Business Agency.—J. A. McAllister, W. J. Riddle, R. A. Lane, A. M. Hunter, George T. Lane.

Lecturing.—W. B. Fleming, B. R. Edgerton, L. M. Cates, T. J. Oldham.

Education.—H. M. Cates, H. D. Egerton, W. B. Fleming, J. A. McAllister, W. H. Tyler.

The State Business Agent read his report, as follows:

REPORT OF STATE BUSINESS AGENT.

Brethren:—In making this my tenth annual report to you as your Business Agent, I regret my inability to report a large volume of business having been done by the Agency for the year just ended. There are several causes for the falling off in orders, a few of which are: A better feeling existing between the merchants and the farmers, a condition which has been brought about by a better understanding of each other; larger and more varied stocks carried by the merchants and a lessening in the profits charged by them. Both merchants and patrons are to be congratulated on these conditions. Another cause for a decline in the business of the Agency is the inability to get goods shipped promptly and to have them delivered in a reasonable time by the transportation companies, conditions that on account of the very large volume of business throughout the country seems to be unavoidable.

During the year I have had several orders cancelled on account of delay in getting goods shipped. These conditions will be adjusted as quickly as the output of factories and transportation lines can meet the requirements of the trade.

Notwithstanding the volume of business done through the Agency is not large, and many of the brethren do not patronize it at all, it is still of great value to the farmers of the State as a source of information as to prices which frequently enables the brethren to buy from their local dealers for a much less price than they could if there was no Agency at their command. This feature alone is of great value to our people.

By having the office in a commercial center prices or other

information can be quickly obtained and information can be speedily given.

In making this report I wish to acknowledge the universal kindness extended to me by the brethren throughout the State. Their encouragement and helpfulness in this respect has been appreciated and has placed me under many and lasting obligations to them.

For my successor in office, I bespeak the same consideration and kind treatment. Hold up his hands, confer and counsel with him, and do not forget to send him orders for goods of various kinds needed.

Bidding you an official adieu, and promising to ever remember your brotherly love and fraternal fellowship, I am,

Sincerely,

T. B. PARKER,
State Business Agent.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Secretary was read and, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

Lecturer Cates read his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Brethren:—My financial report which is in the hands of the Executive Committee shows some falling off from last year. As to just why this is the case I am unable to say, unless some of our farmers are satisfied with the foretaste of the great prosperity that is promised to our country, and think the work of the Alliance has been accomplished and think there is nothing more to do. In truth, we are just beginning to reap the fruits of the seeds sown many years ago, and to slacken our efforts now would mean taking a backward step in our endeavors to place agriculture and those engaged in it on the high plane we had hoped to reach.

In traveling over the State I am continually meeting men in whose breasts still burn the fires kindled around the Alliance altar years ago. They greet me with the old-time Alliance welcome, and say they are waiting for an opportunity to again enroll themselves as active members of the organization.

In view of this general feeling throughout the State it would be well to extend your lecture system by procuring additional help for your State Lecturer who has done such good work for the Alliance.

There are several other farmers' organizations in the State, and I am glad to say, so far as I know, there is no friction between any of them and the Alliance. They all seem to be working for the same ends: the advancement of the farmers and their families, educationally, socially, financially, and otherwise. In view of this, and to promote harmony with these kindred organizations, I suggest you appoint suitable committees to attend the meetings of these organizations, wherever permissible, as messengers from the Alliance and assure them of our willingness to

co-operate with them in promoting the agricultural interests of the State.

During the spring I sent out letters to our County Secretaries suggesting they hold Farmers' Institutes under the auspices of the Alliance, inviting the State Department of Agriculture to co-operate with them and send speakers to discuss questions of interest to the locality. Several counties have already held, and will hold, such Institutes this summer, and so far as I can learn, they have been very decidedly successful. I recommend a continuance of the plan, because it will be helpful alike to the Alliance and to the Department of Agriculture. Therefore I recommend the appointment of a committee to confer with the Commissioner of Agriculture with a view of increasing interest and efficiency along the line above suggested.

With a desire that something may be done at this meeting that will give the Alliance a forward movement all over the State and the farmers may be brought in closer relationship with each other, and that the high purposes and principles of the Alliance may be preserved, I am,

Fraternally,

T. B. PARKER, Secretary.

Lecturer Cates read his report as follows:

REPORT OF STATE LECTURER.

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina:—

I beg leave to make the following report:

I have visited ten counties in the last twelve months, mostly working with already organized Alliances, though a number of new ones have been organized, and I am glad to say that our organization as a whole is steadily growing stronger each day, and I believe that we are in sight of a great victory.

One thing we need more than any other, is printers' ink; and I hope some arrangements will be made at this meeting to get it.

I thank you for past honors and beg leave to remain,

Most Sincerely yours,

H. M. CATES.

The report was referred to the Committee on Publication.

Bro. W. H. Tyler made a verbal report of the action of the Legislative Committee in reference to an educational bill introduced by himself at the State Meeting in 1906, which was discussed before a Committee of the last Legislature.

The following educational resolution was offered by Bro. W. H. Tyler and referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

EDUCATIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

Be it resolved by the North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance—

1. That it take immediate suitable steps for the establishment of an educational institution on the site of Alliance Headquarters, using said property, including the 150 acres of land and all

buildings thereon, for the initial foundation, which institution shall be known as the North Carolina Agricultural School.

2. That the State organization by virtue of its powers lay and devise the means of raising an endowment for the furtherance of the institution within the scope of its wisdom.

3. That it elect seven men who, collectively, shall constitute a Board of Trustees, or Executive Board of Directors, and who shall be governed in the discharge of its several duties by the Code of Regulation ratified by this body.

(Signed)

W. H. TYLER.

Bro. J. A. Davis offered the following resolution in regard to immigration:

Resolved, that the State Farmers' Alliance is opposed to the encouragement of the immigration of foreigners of any character, by solicitation, or appropriation of funds by the State, or any of its departments, or any other organization, or individuals, believing that the resources of the State are being rapidly developed by the natives, and that to them and their descendants belongs the enjoyment of the fruits of such development.

This resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

On motion of Bro. J. M. Mitchell, the Alliance voted to go into the election of officers to-night at 8 o'clock.

A roll-call of counties was made and the delegates gave short accounts of the condition of the Alliance in their respective counties.

The Committee on Resolutions to whom the Secretary's report was referred, reported on the same as follows:

The suggestions made by the Secretary in his report, namely: Extension of lecture system, the sending of delegates from this body to kindred organizations, holding Farmers' Institutes under the auspices of the Alliance, are favorably reported.

MITCHELL, For Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions reported favorably on resolution opposed to Immigration. After earnest discussion, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Alliance adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m.

At 8 o'clock p. m. the Alliance was called to order by President Parrott. The special order of election of officers having arrived, Bro. J. M. Mitchell moved the time for the election be changed to 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

The Executive Committee, through its Chairman, Bro. J. W Denmark, submitted its financial reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and the Trustee of the Business Agency Fund.

On motion, this part of the report of the Executive Committee was adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have examined the books and reports of the State Business Agency, Secretary-Treasurer, and Trustee's report and find the following:

State Business Agency.

1907.		Assets.
August 1.	Bills receivable	\$1,923.04
	Due from Va. C. C. Co. (estimated)	1,287.67
	Stock on hand	175.75
	Cash in bank (including Secretary-Treasurer's account)	1,115.57

Total *Assets* \$4,502.03. (2)

Contra.

Bills payable	\$366.92	(2)
Due Sec.-Treas. on account	389.66	2
Balance	3,745.45	

Total \$4,502.03

Year's Transactions.

Sales by the Agency	\$5,080.05
Profits, commissions and discounts	394.73
Received from Virginia C. C. Company	1,287.67

Total \$1,682.46

Contra.

Salary S. B. A. and expenses of office	1,338.98
Net gain	\$341.42

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DENMARK, Chairman.

Secretary-Treasurer.**Receipts.**

Balance from last year	\$414.85
Fees and dues	635.70
Rentals, etc.	17.43
Advertising with Minutes	25.00

Total \$1,092.98

Expenditures.

Salary Secretary-Treasurer	\$100.00
Lecturing	358.95
State Meeting expenses, etc.	149.47
Executive Committee meeting	38.51
Printing, postage, etc.	58.39
Balance	389.66

Total \$1,094.98

Adopted.

Business Agency Fund, August 1, 1907.

N. C. 4 per cent bonds.....	\$11,700.00	(b)
Mortgage	7,618.00	
Total	\$19,318.00	

Paid on mortgage this year.....	\$138.71	
Paid on N. C. 4 per cent bonds from principal—cash	111.29	
Total	250.00	
Adopted.		

Earnings of Fund, 1906-1907.

August 1, 1906—Balance on hand.....	\$107.17	
January 1, 1907—Coupons.....	229.00	
July 1, 1907	234.00	
Total	\$570.17	

Contra.

Expense to State Alliance	\$16.75	
Salary	250.00	
Postage and stationery	1.00	
Two trips to Charlotte	5.00	
Paid on N. C. Bonds.....	138.71	
Paid premiums on bonds.....	500	416.46
Total	\$22,953.30	

On hand

\$153.71 (e)

Contributions to the Fund.

By County Alliances	\$1,451.35	
By Sub-Alliances	7,388.99	
Total	\$8,840.34	

By individual members

\$26,413.90

Withdrawn by individuals.....

3,460.60

Total

\$22,753.30 (d)

Grand total

\$31,793.64

Mortgage.

August, 1896—Amount

7,618.00

Total

\$10,218.00

When Real estate be worth
assets in hands of SBA + S.A. (a) 20,000.00
— " " " Trustee (b) 4,502.03
— " " " (c) 11,700.00
we find total assets - - - \$36,355.74
while we owe, contribution to SBA + S.A. (d) 22,953.30
and on accounts (e) 366.92
Leaving a net asset of
\$36,355.74

Paid From Earnings of Fund.	
1903—N. C. 4's.....	\$350.00
November 1—N. C. 4's	100.00
1904—June 17th	100.00
1905—August 17th	100.00
1906—June	100.00
1907—January 1st	38.71
February 27th	100.00
 Total	 \$888.71
 1906.—From T. B. Parker, S. B. A.	 \$1,711.29
 Total	 \$2,600.00
 Balance	 \$7,618.00

All in N. C. 4's at par.

Brother H. M. Cates read the reports, majority and minority, on the "Educational Resolution" offered by Bro. W. H. Tyler.

Bro. R. H. Speight moved the adoption of the minority report, which reads: "Reported without prejudice." The motion was discussed by Bros. John Graham, J. C. Bain, W. H. Tyler, H. M. Cates, J. A. McAllister, and others.

Bro. C. H. Poe offered as a substitute for the whole the following:

Whereas, the States of Alabama and Georgia have set the pace in the South for educating farmer boys by appropriating money for establishing an agricultural high school or college in each and every Congressional District, and we believe that the next step in North Carolina's educational progress is to follow the example of these States; therefore be it

Resolved, that the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance in annual session hereby urges the next General Assembly to provide for this necessary form of agricultural education, and we pledge ourselves to keep up this fight until this reform is accomplished.

Resolved, further, that the State Farmers' Alliance watches with earnest interest the progress of agricultural education at our State A. and M. College, and in the name of 82 per cent of the people of North Carolina, we urge the Board of Trustees to take steps looking to the greater development of the agricultural division of the College.

Bro. J. C. Bain moved that the President appoint a committee of three, with Bro. Clarence H. Poe, chairman, to take these resolutions before the Legislature.

WEDNESDAY—8:30 A. M.

The State Alliance met in regular session. After prayer by the Chaplain, Bro. John Graham offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved by the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, that a committee of seven be appointed by the President to devise plans and means to establish an Agricultural School at Hillsboro, and that said committee report at our next Annual Meeting, and urge the Subs and County Alliances to discuss the matter and prepare themselves for intelligent action at our next State Meeting.

Chairman Denmark, in behalf of the Executive Committee, made the following recommendation:

That State Business Agent and Secretary-Treasurer's salary be \$800 and the use of the farm at Headquarters, and he be required to live upon the property. We further recommend that \$200 of this amount be paid out of the funds of the Secretary-Treasurer's department.

The recommendation was adopted.

President Parrott announced the Legislative Committee as follows: Clarence H. Poe, Chairman; John Graham, and T. B. Parker.

Bro. W. B. Fleming submitted the following report of Committee on Lecturing, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LECTURING.

We recommend that the work of organization be pushed and our Lecturer be kept in the field as near all the time as possible; and, if necessary, employ other help.

We copy from records as follows:

For 1905, \$543.05 was spent for lecturing; receipts, in fees and dues, \$1,001.64; 1906, \$534.55; receipts, \$736.56; 1907, \$358.95; receipts, \$635.70.

Respectfully,

August 14, 1907.

W. B. FLEMING,

For Committee.

The hour for the election of officers having arrived, the following were nominated and elected:

President—J. E. Peterson, Wayne County.

Vice-President—J. A. McAllister, Robeson County.

Secretary-Treasurer—George F. Parrott, Lenoir County.

Lecturer—H. M. Cates, Alamance County.

Chaplain—G. W. P. Cates, Orange County.

Steward—J. C. Bain, Cumberland County.

Door-Keeper—R. H. Lane, Beaufort County.

Sergeant-at-Arms—George T. Lane, Guilford County.

State Business Agent—George F. Parrott, Lenoir County.

As a member of the Executive Committee, Bro. W. B. Fleming, of Warren County, was re-elected for a term of five years, and the new Legislative Committee consists of Clarence H. Poe, Chairman; T. B. Parker, John Graham. The old Judiciary Committee was reappointed, consisting of H. D. Egerton, of Franklin; J. M. Mitchell, of Wayne, and C. C. McLellan, of Cumberland.

Bro. J. H. Evans offered a resolution declaring for State prohibition.

On motion, the word "State" was eliminated, and the resolution was adopted in the following shape:

Seeing the evils of strong drink in our State and its demoralizing influences, therefore

Resolved, that the Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina now in session at Hillsboro, do put ourselves on record as being favor of prohibition.

Bro. J. W. Denmark offered the following, which was adopted:

On motion, a committee be appointed, composed of Brethren C. H. Poe, T. B. Parker, John Graham, J. F. McAllister and G. F. Parrott be appointed to draft an expression of our hearty approval of the railroad rate law, and our emphatic approval of the attitude and action of our Governor in the recent controversy growing out of the same.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions regarding the splendid services of Secretary T. B. Parker during the past ten years.

The newly-elected President, Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent, were then formally installed and Brother Peterson made a worthy speech of acceptance.

Bro. J. H. Evans then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that a committee consisting of Bros. W. H. Tyler, H. M. Cates, Clarence H. Poe, and J. W. Denmark be appointed to draft a tribute of the past year's work of our worthy President, George F. Parrott.

On motion of Bro. J. M. Mitchell, the resolution was amended by naming the same committee to prepare the resolutions regarding Bro. T. B. Parker.

Bro. N. B. Whitfield made the following report:

That the publication of the President's address, and an outline of this meeting's proceedings, is requested in the daily papers of the State, with local papers requested to copy.

The President announced the reappointment of the present Judiciary Committee, and named the following as the committee

to consider the establishing of an agricultural school at Hillsboro:

John Graham, Chairman; W. H. Tyler, J. M. Mitchell, T. B. Parker, W. B. Fleming, J. A. McAllister.

The President named the following as a committee to confer with the Department of Agriculture as to Farmers' Institutes:

T. B. Parker, Clarence H. Poe, N. B. Whitfield.

Also committee on visiting other farmers' organizations as follows:

H. M. Cates, G. F. Parrott, T. B. Parker.

Jute Bagging was discussed by J. A. Davis, J. C. Bain, H. E. Thompson.

A committee consisting of these brethren was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the County Alliances be requested to try to have the Farmers' Institute workers hold Institutes under the auspices of the Alliance whenever possible. J. C. BAIN.

On motion, the expenses of officers and delegates was ordered paid from the Alliance Treasury.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Alliance called to order at 1:30 p. m. by President Peterson.

The following report of the committee appointed this morning was read, discussed and adopted:

Resolved, that while the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance is in favor of no indiscriminate or demagogic attack on railways, we heartily approve the reduction in passenger rates adopted by the last General Assembly, and we commend the efforts of our Executive and radical officers to demonstrate that the most powerful railway corporation is as amenable to the laws of our sovereign State as the humblest citizen within its borders.

2. That we regard as of even graver importance the flagrant discriminations in freight rates at present practiced by the railroad corporations against our State, whereby prices of farm supplies are increased, and we urge the Corporation Commission to take proper steps for our relief.

3. We also desire to place ourselves on record as favoring proper consideration for new, weak, and struggling railway lines in our State and simply absolute justice in dealing with the more powerful lines.

The following resolutions passed by a rising vote:

Resolved, that the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance desires to express formally its appreciation of the efficient services

of Bro. Geo. F. Parrott, in the office of President, and we take these as our earnest of the splendid work we may confidently expect of him in his present important position.

Bro. J. A. Davis, for his committee, reported as follows:

Whereas, the Jute Bagging Trust determined to compel the farmers of the South to pay an exorbitant price for their products for wrapping the present cotton crop; therefore be it

Resolved, that we earnestly urge the members of our organization to co-operate with the Farmers' Union and the Southern Cotton Association in discarding the use of jute bagging unless satisfactory prices for same can be obtained.

Resolved, that the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance learns with unfeigned pleasure of the efforts of the National Government to curb that cruel and oppressive monopoly which has so long depressed the prices of one of North Carolina's greatest staples, the American Tobacco Company.

Resolved, that we feel that this is the most opportune time for our thousands of North Carolina tobacco growers to organize and demand their rights, and the Alliance hereby offers its machinery and organization for this purpose, and also pledges its co-operation in any independent move our tobacco farmers may think advisable.

Bro. H. M. Cates submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, Bro. T. B. Parker has served the North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance for ten long years faithfully, honestly, energetically and very effectively as our State Secretary and Treasurer and Business Agent; and,

Whereas, he has declined to stand for re-election; therefore be it

Resolved by the North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance, that we tender to Brother Parker and his good family for all his services and for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown the Alliance at our Headquarters by this noble family in all these years, our love, thanks and highest regards and hope that the tender ties thus created may grow stronger each coming year as long as life shall last.

Resolution declining to sell the Headquarters' property was adopted.

Bro. G. W. P. Cates moved that the Secretary send a message of condolence and sympathy to Bro. W. A. Graham, detained on account of the death of his brother.

Bro. J. M. Mitchell offered the following:

Resolved, that we, the members of this State Alliance, do tender our thanks to Brother Oldham and to Mr. Meacham and family, and to Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner, for their care of us during this meeting.

Adopted.

Bro. J. H. Evans was appointed a member of the committee to visit and confer with other farmers' organizations.

No further business, the State Farmers' Alliance adjourned sine die.

CLARENCE H. POE,

Recording Secretary.

Liquid duct
Hot Sour Grapes
Lemonade with
Skin of Egg in it

16.25
2.50
5.20
21.50
2
7.20
6.90
2.50
5.10
2.30
6.60
124.15

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Anti Glazing

4.51
7.01
21.61
8.11